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To all of the outstanding employees in the Arizona Department of Corrections, congratulations!

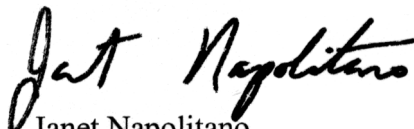
In the year since the hostage taking in the Morey Unit at ASPC-Lewis, your organization has taken considerable strides and made measurable progress towards flagship status. As a result of your efforts at each and every prison complex in the state, the Arizona Department of Corrections is growing in strength and stature.

Your attention to policies and procedures, staff training and supervision, the physical plant, inmate programs and the inmate population strengthens the department and enhances the public's safety.

I prize your many contributions and I am very proud of your sustained efforts to reform our correctional system with the adoption of a no-nonsense, Back to Basics approach to prison operations. By focusing on sound security procedures and pre-release preparation you are improving public safety now, and later, after inmates' sentences are served and they are sent home.

I regret that I cannot be with you today, look you in the eye, and tell you this: Your striving towards excellence is making a difference. The impact of your work is far reaching and profound. Strive on!

Very truly yours,


Janet Napolitano
Governor

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